if so, whether the Ministry has taken measures to address the said concerns;

if so, the details thereof; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) The Government has received a representation in the matter from Federation of Indian Mineral Industries (FIMI).

(b) to (d) The concerns raised by FIMI have been suitably considered by the Government and a proposal for revision of royalty rates of minerals (other than coal, lignite and send for stowing), including iron-ore, has been suitably taken up. Issue concerning levy of export duties on iron-ore is a fiscal measure.

Bauxite deposits in Kerala

1776. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

whether bauxite deposits have been found in Kannur, Kasaragod, Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram districts of Kerala; and

if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Bauxite deposits have been found in Kannur, Kasaragod, Kollam and Thiruvananthapuram districts of Kerala. The following are the district-wise resource details:—

SI. No.	Name of Districts	Total Resources (in million tonnes)
	Kannur	1.50
	Kasaragod	10.63
	Kollam	2.67
	Thiruvananthapuram	0.93
	TOTAL:	15.73

Iron-ore Deposits in Orissa

†11777. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

whether the Ministry is aware as to how many of iron-ore mines are there in Orissa alongwith the quantity of iron deposits;

the manner in which the iron-ore available in the State is being utilized, the quantity of iron-ore being supplied from these mines to the steel plants of the country and the quantity that is exported;

whether Government is aware of the deposit available in Khandadhar;

if so, the details thereof; and

to whom it has been leased?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.